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From: Chairman, National Navy Reserve Policy Board (NNRPB)
To: Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

Subj: REPORT OF THE 2006 SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S NATIONAL NAVY
RESERVE POLICY BOARD

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1. The 2006 National Navy Reserve Policy Board (NNRPB) met 18-20 September 2006 for its annual General Assembly with the Marine Corps Reserve Policy Board. The Board received various presentations: Overview from the Honorable William A. Navas, ASN (M&RA); CNR Update, VADM Cotton; Commission on National Guard and Reserves update, Mr. White; Reserve Component Joint Officer Development, CDR Grippen, JCS/J1; JPME Update, CAPT Yurina, NDU; Total Force Transformation, CAPT Abalos, DASN Staff (TFX); Reserve Force Policy Board update, LtCol Dysart, USMCR; OPNAV N3/5 perspective, RADM Daly; Reserve Mobilization Statistics and Stress Areas, CDR McCracken, CNRFC; Reserve Issues – Legislative Update, CDR Skaggs, OLA; SIMS Program Update, CDR Illingworth, DASN IMA; Active Reserve Integration, Mr. Jim Grover, N095 Staff; Reserve Officer Association viewpoint, Lt. Gen. McCarthy; Navy Reserve Manpower, Ms. Fitzgerald, N095 staff. Additionally, three issues previously discussed are recommended for closure, two new issues were received and five new Board members were selected.

2. Three items from the CNRF Policy Board were closed:

a. Papanicolaou (PAP) Smear and Human Immunodeficiency Interval (HIV) Testing – The Navy's PAP smear testing interval should be revised to 2-3 years consistent with American Cancer Society (ACS) recommendation and Reservist's medical insurance. (Note: The HIV part of the issue was previously closed in the "Report of the 2005 Secretary of the Navy's National Naval Reserve Policy Board," dated June 10, 2005.)

Resolution: PAP – NNRPB recommends maintaining current policy. Submitter's concern was clarified to be the inability to modify the Medical Readiness Reporting System (MRRS) program to reflect an individual testing frequency interval. Board investigation revealed that Pap testing must only be entered once and the entry does not "expire" so as to not create a "not medically ready" category. Further, Navy AC/RC women are not required to have an annual Pap test. Recommendations only are made during the Preventive Health Assessment (PHA) process. No further action required.

b. Funeral Honors for SELRES during IDT/AT/IDTT/ADT – Issue requests to use SELRES for funeral honors during drill weekends, IDTT, AT, and ADT and questions current!

policy. Current Title X USC position prohibits performing Funeral Honors during IDT, IDTT, AT or ADT.

Resolution: NNRPB recommends maintaining current policy. Board research identified the basis for the Title X position, provided by SEN Murkoski, in Congressional transcripts (26 MAR 1998), "Serving in the [Funeral] honor guard will not count as a period of drill or training. I believe this is necessary to preserve the readiness of the Guard and Reserves, who are playing a larger role in our downsized military." To date, funding has been adequate to support Funeral Honor requests. Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) will provide future funeral honors funding and control. No further action required.

c. Selected Reserves Who Have Not Served on Extended Active Duty Are Not Eligible for Burial in a VA National Cemetery.

Resolution: NNRPB recommends maintaining current policy. Since 1992, Reserve members called to active duty for a limited duration were authorized VA National Cemetery benefits as long as the members completed the full period of obligated service. Under current regulations, the only Reserve Component members who are not eligible for a VA National Cemetery Burial benefit are those who are non-prior service who have not met one of the eligibility requirements (either fulfilling the 24 continuous months of Active Duty service and or being called to active duty in support of a contingency). Members recalled to support a contingency (e.g., national emergency or war) receive a DD214, which identifies their category of service. Distribution of burial benefits is equitably allocated to both the Active and Reserve Components. No further action required.

3. A newly submitted issue, "Attrition of Navy Reserve Lieutenant Commanders at 20 Years Total Commissioned Service" was discussed. This issue specifically addresses Selected Reserve O-4s who for whatever reason do not continue in a drilling status and are moved to the IRR, are passed over while in the IRR, and then return to drilling status with multiple failures of selection (FOS). If enough time has elapsed while not in a drilling status, they cannot get to 20 years of qualifying service within the 24 year limit, at which point, as prescribed under current law, the Navy will separate the officer or not permit affiliation. While NPC has in limited cases allowed multiple FOS O-4s to stay to 24 years commissioned service without the possibility of attaining 20 years qualifying service, those instances are rare and typically only for officers with specific skill sets. This issue will be sent to the CNRF Policy Board for consideration. As well, because of broader implications regarding promotion and continuity of service (including sanctuary) as regards current demand signals for "re-service" during the GWOT, the NNRPB will also proactively identify and evaluate options.

4. The second new issue received was a potential inequity between the Active Component and Reserve Component enlisted uniform allowance. CMDCM Barnett, a board member, submitted a white paper to the CNRF Policy Board for its consideration.

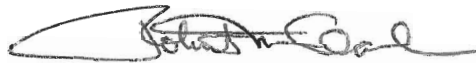
5. The Board will continue to monitor the efforts of the Navy Training Alignment Working Group in addressing retirement point credit for War College and other courses, and the Navy Joint Development Working Group, as part of the Chief of Naval Operations' "Path to

Jointness,” in establishing additional guidance regarding Joint Professional Military Education (JPME). The Board will also monitor OSD(RA) efforts to establish “Fully Joint Qualified” Officers in lieu of “Joint Service Officers.”

6. The Board evaluated 198 applications for NNRPB membership using a process that included both a newly-developed on-line voting tool for initial voting prior to the Board meeting and team deliberation of applicants during the meeting. Five new members were selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants: CAPT Belton, CAPT Mahosky, CDR Collins, YNCM Richey, and CECS Poellinger.

7. The Board Public Affairs campaign was successful based on the large number of applicants. The Board will continue to work with the CNRF PB to get the word out to ensure that the general Navy Reserve population is aware of what we do.

8. The next Board meeting will be in May 2007 in Norfolk, VA.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robert M. Clark', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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